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**THE WOLFSONIAN-FIU CELEBRATES TWELVE YEARS OF PAGE AT A TIME EXHIBITIONS**

MIAMI BEACH, FL (April 18, 2008)–Nine unique books created by fourth- through sixth-grade students at Miami-Dade public schools will be on display in the lobby of The Wolfsonian–Florida International University from May 8 through June 1, 2008. The books are the final product of *Page at a Time*, an innovative, interdisciplinary arts-education program created in 1996 by The Wolfsonian in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The *Page at a Time* program is made possible by Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Division of Life Skills; Citigroup Foundation; and Carnival Foundation.

The books displayed this year explore a variety of issues ranging from global warming and pollution, reflections on consumerism to the relevance of music to history. The books are entirely student-created, from the text to the artwork to the varied formats, and are made out of cardboard, plaster, wire, organic plants, and an assortment of other creative materials.

As part of the preparation for creating the books, the students who visited The Wolfsonian a number of times beginning in October 2007 received tours of the collection and participated in hands-on activities in history, language arts, and visual arts. The students then worked collaboratively in their classes to identify a conflict and develop a visual concept for addressing the subject, including deciding on a format for their book such as accordion book, flip book, bound book, or loose portfolio. Each student then created his or her own page of the book as part of the class project.

Each year different schools participate in *Page at a Time*, which is jointly taught by classroom and art teachers, in conjunction with Wolfsonian staff members and core teachers. This year's participating schools are: South Pointe Elementary, Dante B. Fascell Elementary, Southside Elementary, Myrtle Grove Elementary, Edison Park Elementary, and Shenandoah Middle Museums Magnet School.

“*Page at a Time* is a very strong interdisciplinary program and a great model for museum-based education. During the program, students learn about specific topics such as history, visual arts, and writing, as well as art books, museums, and the interconnections between these topics. Students then apply their new knowledge to a creative project,” notes Kate Rawlinson, The Wolfsonian’s assistant director for education and public programs. “It’s fun for the students and invigorating for the educators. The exhibition, located in the lobby of the museum, is a great experience for the students and their families.”

#### About The Wolfsonian—Florida International University

The Wolfsonian is a museum, library, and research center that uses objects to illustrate the persuasive power of art and design, to explore what it means to be modern, and to tell the story of social, historical, and technological changes that have transformed our world. The collections comprise approximately 120,000 objects from the period of 1885 to 1945—the height of the Industrial Revolution to the end of the Second World War—in a variety of media including furniture; industrial-design objects; works in glass, ceramics, and metal; rare books; periodicals; ephemera; works on paper; paintings; textiles; and medals.

The Wolfsonian is located at 1001 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, Fla. Admission is \$7 adults; \$5 seniors, students, and children six-12; free for Wolfsonian members, State University System of Florida staff and students with ID, children under six, and Miami Beach residents with ID. The museum is open Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday from noon-6pm; Thursday and Friday from noon-9pm; and is closed on Wednesday. Contact us at 305.531.1001 or visit us online at [www.wolfsonian.org](http://www.wolfsonian.org).

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